

*Montana Coalition Against  
Domestic + Sexual Violence*

*presents*

*The 2007 Annual Conference:*

*Building*

*On*

*Native American  
Traditions and Values*



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*September 12-14, 2007*

*KwaTagNuk Resort*

*Polson, MT*

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## Wednesday, September 12, 2007

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome & Introduction of Colors**,  
Kelsen Young, Executive Director, MCADSV
- 9:15-10:00 **Keynote: Impact of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault**, Anna Whiting Sorrell (Salish)
- 10:15-12:00 **State of Affairs: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services**, Eleanor Guerrero, moderator with Judge Carl Pepion (Blackfeet), Patty LaPlant (Blackfeet), Georgette Hogan (Crow) and Richard McDonald (Yankton Dakota) panelists.
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15-2:15 **Elder Wisdom**, Nellie Silk ( Lakota)
- 2:30-5:00 **Tribal Law: Yesterday and Today**, Lucy Simpson (Navajo)
- 7:00-8:00 **Talking Circle** (optional)

## Thursday, September 13, 2007

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome**, Debra LaTray, Women of Color Task Force Chair
- 9:15-10:30 **Effective Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for Native Women**, Patty LaPlant (Blackfeet)
- 10:45-12:00 **Indian Child Welfare Act**, Kathy Deserly
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15-2:45 **Economic Resources for Women**, Toni Plummer-Alvernaz (Assiniboine Sioux)
- 3:00-4:30 **Buffalo Café: Cultural Change on the Plains**, Jack Gladstone (Blackfeet)
- 7:00-8:00 **Talking Circle** (optional)

## Friday, September 14, 2007

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome**, Karen Lane, Prevention Coordinator, MCADSV
- 9:15-10:15 **Prevention Campaign: Involving Men & Boys**, Debra LaTray
- 10:30-11:30 **Prevention Program for Native Youth**, Debra LaTray
- 11:30-12:30 **Closing Remarks: Creating a Positive Message**, Michael Gray (Blackfeet/Chippewa-Cree)
- 12:30-12:45 **Retiring of Colors**

Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence will provide a continental breakfast for conference attendees on Sept. 12, 13 & 14

## MCADSV Annual Conference Registration Form

BUILDING ON NATIVE AMERICAN TRADITIONS & VALUES  
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2007  
BEST WESTERN KWATAQNUK RESORT—POLSON, MT

Name, Title	
Membership Type	
Agency	
Agency Address (include city, state and zip)	
Office Phone	
Office Fax	
Email Address	
Would you like to be considered for a scholarship? (Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 24, 2007)	<p>_____ YES      _____NO</p> <p>If YES please visit our website at <a href="http://www.mcadsv.com">www.mcadsv.com</a> and fill out a scholarship registration form.</p>
Would you like to sell arts and crafts in the Exhibitor Room?	<p>_____ YES      _____NO</p> <p>If YES please make sure to include Exhibitor Fee.</p>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 31, 2007

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: August 10, 2007

Registration for MCADSV Members	FREE
Registration for Non Members \$100	\$
Exhibitor Fee \$75.00	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

**Please Mail This Form with Payment to:** MCADSV (FEIN #81-0433126)  
Attn: Kelly  
PO Box 818  
Helena, MT 59624

**OR Fax Form to:** Fax (406) 443-7818

Conference Information: If you have questions about registration, reservations or scholarships, please contact Kelly Myhro (406-443-7794 ext.7 or [kmyhro@mcadsv.com](mailto:kmyhro@mcadsv.com))

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**REGISTRATION**  
**MATERIALS ENCLOSED**

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## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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### **Keynote: Impact of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault**

Anna Whiting Sorrell, Presenter

This presentation will set the stage for the conference, this keynote address will focus on the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault on Native women and Native communities.

### **State of Affairs: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services**

Eleanor Guerrero, moderator with Judge Carl Pepion, Patty LaPlant, Georgette Hogan and Richard McDonald panelists.

This panel discussion will explore the current trends, challenges and successes in meeting the needs of American Indian survivors, through the lens of law enforcement, advocates and the court system.

### **Elder Wisdom**

Nellie Silk, Presenter

Hear the wisdom of elders as Tribal Elder Nelly Silk shares traditional stories.

### **Tribal Law: Yesterday & Today**

Lucy Simpson, Presenter

This presentation will discuss tribal law; yesterday and today. Tribal law is the complex interaction of tribal codes, treaty agreements, US Supreme Court case law and US legislation that dictates law and order within Indian Country.

### **Effective Services for Native Women**

Patty LaPlant, Presenter

This session highlights how to provide effective domestic violence and sexual assault services for Native women.

### **Indian Child Welfare Act**

Kathy Deserly, Presenter

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law which regulates foster care placement proceedings involving American Indian children. This presentation will define the Indian Child Welfare Act and how it continues to have an impact on survivors of domestic violence and their children.

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## **Economic Resources for Women**

Toni Plummer-Alvernaz, Presenter

This presentation explores the economic challenges and resources available for Native women on and off the reservation.

## **Buffalo Café: Cultural Change on the Plains**

Jack Gladstone, Presenter

This will be a song and storytelling session that will guide the audience through the cultural evolution of the Blackfeet - from the origins of his people, both mythological and anthropological, through the profound changes introduced by the advance of the European culture. Jack also explains the rise of the market economy on the Great Plains and its affect on the traditional values of the Indians.

## **Prevention Campaign: Involving Men & Boys**

Debra LaTray, Presenter

This session will focus on some of the innovative, community-based violence prevention activities implemented in a Montana community. Participants will hear about special partnerships formed to build healthy relationships between city- and reservation-based youth.

## **Prevention Program for Native Youth**

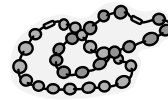
Debra LaTray, Presenter

This presentation will highlight some prevention programs for Native American youth. Although based on the teachings of Native American elders and Clan Mothers from many Nations, adult leaders and communities are encouraged to incorporate their own traditional and spiritual practices into the year-round sessions and activities.

## **Closing Remarks: Creating a Positive Message**

Michael Gray, Presenter

This end note presentation will focus on creating a positive message by exploring the impact of using positive messages, traditions and values to create community change.



## **EXHIBITORS WELCOME!**

**Attention to those who enjoy  
selling and buying arts and crafts**



Since this year's Annual Conference focus is on "Building on Native American Traditions and Values," MCADSV would like to offer those who are interested in selling arts and crafts an opportunity to do so. During the Conference, there will be a small conference room set aside with tables for those individuals interested. The fee to participate is a flat rate of \$75.00. This fee will include the use of a table for Sept. 12 & 13 from 8:00am-5:00pm and on Sept. 14 from 8:00am-12:00pm. To participate in this great opportunity all you have to do is check YES on the correct line on the registration page and include an additional \$75.00 exhibit fee. Space is limited and will be based on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, be sure to fill out the registration page. This is a great opportunity for all!

Note: Individuals who choose to participate in the selling of arts and crafts will be responsible for their own security and the selling of goods. The room will be locked at 5:00pm on Sept. 12 & 13 and unlocked by 8:00am each morning of the conference. Neither MCADSV nor the Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort are responsible for damaged, lost or stolen goods.

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## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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**The Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort Polson** is located on the south end of beautiful Flathead Lake with a breathtaking view of the Mission Mountains of the Northern Rockies. This Resort offers a wide variety of vacation options including the resort's full service marina with boating, lake cruises and fishing at your fingertips. The surrounding community provides a look into history and culture and is filled with local treasures including shopping, summer theatre, rodeos, pow-wows and golfing.

### **Guest Services and Amenities:**

- Indoor, outdoor swimming pool and hot tub
- Jocko's Steakhouse and Lounge
- High speed internet available
- Fax, shipping and photo-coping available

### **For Reservations:**

Reservations must be made by August 31, 2007 to be eligible for the special room rate of \$84.75. Reservations can be made by calling 1-406-883-3636 or go to [www.kwataqnuk.com](http://www.kwataqnuk.com). When making a reservation identify that you are attending the MCADSV Annual Conference.

Directions from Route 93. The Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort is located on the lakeshore two blocks from the town center on Route 93 next to the fishing pier. Address: 49708 US Hwy 93 Polson, MT 59860

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## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

### **Debra LaTray**

Debra LaTray has been married to Marlin LaTray since 1980. They have two daughters, Lisa and Sonya, and also two grandchildren. Debra graduated from Montana State University-Northern in May 2006 with a Bachelors Degree in Communication and Community Service. She holds a certificate from Northern Montana College (currently MSU-Northern) as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Debra works for Montana State University-Northern as an Outreach Coordinator for prevention and education of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. She serves on the Hill Co. DELTA project committee and is the chair of the MCADSV Women of Color Task Force.

### **Lucy Rain Simpson (Navajo)**

Lucy Rain Simpson is a Staff Attorney with the Helena office of the Indian Law Resource Center, a non-profit law and advocacy organization dedicated to providing legal assistance to Indian and Alaska Native nations who are working to protect their lands, resources, human rights, the environment, and their cultural heritage. She received her law degree from the University of Colorado in 1998 and her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1993. She joined the Center from private practice in Lame Deer, Montana, where she provided legal services to the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Tribes. She is the project director for the Center's Human Rights Training program, as well as the Fort Belknap and Alaska programs.

### **Jack Gladstone (Blackfeet)**

Jack Gladstone is a grandson of Blackfeet Indian Chief Red Crow. Jack guides us through myths, animal legends and character portraits into a better understanding of our Native American heritage. From timeless Blackfeet stories passed from his grandmother, Gladstone recollects mythic creation and the role the animals played in traditional American Indian culture.

### **Kathy Deserly**

Kathy Deserly has worked in the field of child welfare in Native communities since 1974. She spent twelve years working in tribal communities in Southern California, serving as Assistant Director of a Native American foster and adoption agency. Kathy moved to Montana in 1996 to serve as Indian Child Welfare Specialist for the State of Montana where she worked four years. Since 2003 Kathy has been working as an independent consultant working with several national child welfare resource centers.

### **Michael Gray (Blackfeet/Chippewa-Cree)**

Michael Gray is the President of G&G Advertising, an American Indian Ad Agency that specializes in reaching American Indian/Alaska Native Populations. Located in "Indian Country" G&G has offices in Billings, Montana and Albuquerque, New Mexico. G&G broke ground on American Indian research on-reservations, off-reservations and among Urban Indians throughout the US and Alaska. G&G have won numerous regional and national awards for creativity and effectiveness in marketing.

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### **Anna Whiting Sorrell (Salish)**

Anna Whiting Sorrell serves as the Policy Advisor on Families in the Governor's Office. She has spent her professional career working for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, where she is an enrolled member, most recently working in Tribal Administration overseeing a number of programs and the Tribes' effort in self-governance and other legislative efforts. Anna developed and implemented a nationally recognized substance abuse prevention and treatment program for the Tribes for nearly a decade. She is a graduate of the University of Montana with a BA in Political Science and Education, and a Masters of Public Administration. Anna and her husband Gene live on the Flathead Reservation in Ronan with their daughter Katy.

### **Eleanor Guerrero**

Eleanor Guerrero is the Executive Director and founder of the Native American Children's Association, a non profit, with special focus on the needs of native children and mentoring programs. She is an active attorney and a former domestic violence prosecutor and tribal prosecutor. Eleanor is a nation speaker on family violence, leadership, police procedure, at risk youth and a forceful advocate for prevention.

### **Richard (Richie) McDonald (Yankton Dakota)**

Richard "Richie" McDonald was born and raised in Poplar, MT on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. He is an enrolled member of the Yankton Dakota band of Sioux. Richie is very happily married to Yvette Tapaha-McDonald and they have two beautiful children, Richie and Malia. Richie has worked as a law enforcement officer for over twenty two years. He specializes in Domestic Violence and Community Policing and is currently in the process of compiling a police training course entitled, "Domestic Violence in Indian Country". Richie is a Sergeant with the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office. He believes that being a law enforcement officer takes on a Traditional role as a protector and provider for the people.

### **Georgette Hogan (Crow)**

Georgette Hogan is the County Attorney for Big Horn County. Prior to that, she worked at the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office in their criminal prosecution division for two years handling the prosecution of a variety of cases, including cases involving partner/family member assault. Prior to that, Ms. Hogan worked for Montana Legal Services for two years. In that position, she worked under their VAWA grant providing legal services to victims of domestic violence.

### **Nellie Silk (Lakota)**

Nellie Silk is from the Standing Rock Reservation. She and her two siblings were raised by her grandparents in Fort Kip. She moved to North Dakota for three years; after those three years she and her three children moved back to Montana.